

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Officer Involved Shooting

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Report Date: <b>March 25, 2014</b>		Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>Central Patrol Division, Compton Station</b>		Admin. Invest? <input type="checkbox"/> Hit? <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Incident Information</b>					
URN: <b>014-03729-2836-055</b>		Date: <b>March 25, 2014</b>		Time: <b>2112 Hrs</b>	
City or Station: <b>Compton</b>		Nature of Incident: <b>Deps responded to a "Man With a Gun" call. Deputy Leos located the susp veh when two susps exited the veh. One susp looked back at the deputies while holding a gun. DIS then occurred.</b>			
Location: <b>West Reeve Street, Compton</b>					
Location Type (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Backyard <input type="checkbox"/> Beach <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Freeway <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Other:		Lighting (check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darkness <input type="checkbox"/> Daylight <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Lights  Weather (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Rain  Distance:		Incident Type (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Fleeing Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Take Away <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Sniper/Ambush <input type="checkbox"/> Startle <input type="checkbox"/> Struggle Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Unarmed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant Service <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Shot Other:	
Initiated by (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> One Person Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Search Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Two Person Unit  Prior Activity (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Detective <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine Patrol		Aero Unit? <input type="checkbox"/> Carine Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>			
Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy <b>2</b>		Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect <b>0</b>			
<b>Employee Witnesses</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
	<b>Lopez</b>	<b>Edward</b>	<b>H</b>		
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
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<b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>					
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
<b>Supervisors</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more):	
	<b>Jaramilla</b>	<b>Marvin</b>	<b>T</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more):	
				<input type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
<b>Watch Sergeant</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
	<b>Williams</b>	<b>Jabari</b>	<b>A</b>		
<b>Watch Commander</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
	<b>Mitry</b>	<b>Nabeel</b>	<b>S</b>		

<b>PSTD Use Only</b>	
SH #	<b>2353284</b>



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Involved Employee										
E 1	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
		Leos			Andrew			J		
	Sex: M	Race: H	Rank: Deputy		Unit Assignment: Compton		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 284B			
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:			
	Age: 5-10		Height: 210		Weight:					
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
	Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Number of Prior Shootings: 3		Directed Force: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Weapons Fired Brand: S&W		Caliber: 9		# Shots: 2		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
E	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
	Sex:	Race:	Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
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Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
E	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.		
	Sex:	Race:	Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
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	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: # Shots:	
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# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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Suspect Information				
S 1	Last Name		Alexander	
	First Name		Anthony	
	M.I.		L	
	AKA Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	Sex: M	Race: B	Street Address	City
	State & Zip Code			
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: 24	D.O.B. 11-01-89	Height: 5-11	Weight: 145
	FBI #	CII #		
Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
3905676	245(d)(1) PC		29800(a)(1) PC	
Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:	
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Armed?	Apprehended?	Mental Illness?	Criminal History	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:		
BMW	323i	1999		
S 2	Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	AKA Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	Sex: M	Race: B	Street Address	City
	State & Zip Code			
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: 16	D.O.B.	Height: 5-09	Weight: 150
	FBI #	CII #		
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:
	11370.1 H&S			
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Armed?	Apprehended?	Mental Illness?	Criminal History	
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Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:		
BMW	323i	1999		
S	Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	AKA Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City
	State & Zip Code			
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:
	FBI #	CII #		
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:
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Armed?	Apprehended?	Mental Illness?	Criminal History?	
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Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:		
S	Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	AKA Last Name		First Name	
	M.I.			
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City
	State & Zip Code			
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:
	FBI #	CII #		
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Armed?	Apprehended?	Mental Illness?	Criminal History?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:		

## **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

IAB#: SH2353284

URN# 014-03729-2836-055

**DATE / TIME / LOCATION**

March 25, 2014, Tuesday

2112 hours

West Reeves Street, Compton, CA

**IAB SHOOTING / FORCE TEAM**

On March 25, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators responded to an incident command post, erected by Compton Sheriff's Station personnel at Compton Station, approximately six blocks from the location of the incident. Lieutenant Dominic Valencia, Sergeant Catrina Khasaempanth, and Sergeant Jeffrey Smith, along with Attorney Angelica Samaniego from the Office of Independent Review (OIR), were briefed on the circumstances of a Deputy Involved Shooting. Sergeant Jeffrey Smith was subsequently assigned the responsibility for the administrative review of the incident.

**SYNOPSIS**

Deputy Leos, while on-duty, fired two rounds at a suspect with a pistol in his hand. Both rounds missed the suspect (Classified as a Non-Hit Shooting). An Incident Crime Report (Sh-R-49) was completed by Compton Station Deputy Bautista # [REDACTED] (Refer to Exhibit A).

On March 25, 2014, at approximately 2107 hours, Compton Station personnel received a man with a gun, call for service. Several units responded to the area of [REDACTED] Unit 284B, Deputies Leos and Lopez, located the vehicle, a gray 1991 BMW 323i, four door sedan as it turned southbound onto South Acacia Avenue from West Raymond Street. As the vehicle turned southbound on South Acacia Avenue, the deputies drove their patrol car southbound on South Acacia Avenue behind it. The BMW then made an immediate right turn to westbound Reeve Street and stopped 20 to 30 yards past the intersection of Acacia Street and Reeve Street. Deputies Leos and Lopez turned the corner onto westbound Reeve Street and stopped behind the suspect vehicle. The two passengers in the BMW exited the vehicle and turned towards Deputies Leos and Lopez. Suspect Alexander exited the rear passenger's side, and Subject [REDACTED] exited the front passenger's side. At the same time, the driver exited the driver's door. Deputy Leos could see that Suspect Alexander was holding a handgun in his hand and believed the deputies were going to be ambushed. He told Deputy Lopez to exit the patrol car.

The BMW, driven by the third unknown suspect, re-entered the vehicle and drove westbound on Reeve Street and out of view. Suspect Alexander and Subject [REDACTED] ran on or near the north sidewalk, westbound on West Reeve Street. Deputy Leos saw that Suspect Alexander still had



the gun in his hand and was looking back toward his partner as he ran. Deputy Lopez was standing near the north sidewalk area adjacent to the patrol car. Deputy Leos believed that Suspect Alexander was going to shoot Deputy Lopez. Deputy Leos fired two rounds from his Smith and Wesson M&P 9mm handgun at Suspect Alexander. Both Suspect Alexander and Subject [REDACTED] continued running westbound on Reeve Street and out of view of the deputies.

A containment of the area was established for the suspects. Suspect Alexander was found at [REDACTED] immediately [REDACTED] of Reeve Street). Subject [REDACTED] was found at [REDACTED]. The handgun, a blue steel Sturm Ruger 9mm semi-automatic handgun, was located in the alley to the north of [REDACTED]. The BMW was located at [REDACTED]. The unknown suspect (Driver of the BMW) was not located within the containment area and OSS detectives were unable to identify him.

One round fired from Deputy Leos' gun hit the rear window of an unoccupied parked vehicle and stopped where the window meets the roof. It was not determined where the other round hit. Both expended casings were found in the street on West Reeve Street just west of South Acacia Avenue (Refer to **CD#1** and **Exhibit B**).

The following day, a second handgun was discovered by the homeowner in the front yard of [REDACTED]. The gun, a blue steel Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver, was subsequently recovered by the Sheriff's Department's Crime Laboratory and processed as evidence (Refer to CSI Report; **Exhibit C** and Supplemental Report; **Exhibit R**).

#### INVOLVED DEPUTY

**Leos, Andrew**, Deputy [REDACTED]  
Central Patrol Division – Compton Station  
Date of Employment:  
Date Assigned to Patrol:  
Date Completed Patrol Training:  
Date of Range Qualification:  
Prior Shooting Incidents:

MH [REDACTED]  
08-29-10 (On UOA)  
12-07-88

Three; 10-13-97, IAB Case # SH1154360 Temple - Hit  
01-04-05, IAB Case # SH2136291 Temple - Hit  
02-19-13, IAB Case # SH2330194 Compton - Hit

#### SUSPECTS

**Alexander, Anthony**  
[REDACTED]

MB/24  
MB/17

DOB: 11-01-89  
DOB: [REDACTED]

**IAB Note:** Both suspects' Criminal History Reports are included in this case book (Refer to **Miscellaneous Documents**).

### EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Lopez, Edward, Deputy [REDACTED]

MH [REDACTED]

**IAB Note:** Deputy Lopez was on [REDACTED] as the passenger deputy for Unit 284B. Deputy Leos was the [REDACTED] driver deputy.

### NON-EMPLOYEE/CIVILIAN WITNESSES

None

**IAB Note:** Compton deputies canvassed the neighboring houses for additional witnesses. Several people only heard the incident but did not witness the shooting. Their statements are documented on several supplemental reports included in this case book (Refer to **Exhibits J, K, L, M**).

### INJURIES

- Suspects

Subject [REDACTED] sustained a minor superficial abrasion to chest area from jumping over a gate. He was treated at Lakewood Regional Medical Center and issued an "OK to Book." (Refer to **Exhibit A**).

- Deputy Personnel

None

### PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Several items of evidence were identified and collected by the staff from Scientific Services Bureau and documented in this case book (Refer to **Exhibit D**).

**IAB Note:** A Sketch of the crime scene is included in this case book (See **Exhibit B**). Crime Scene photographs taken by the LASD Crime Lab are also included (See **CD #1**).

### DISTANCE

The shooting occurred at a distance of approximately 20-25 feet.



## OBSERVATIONS

The Internal Affairs Bureau investigators arrived at the scene approximately two hours after the incident had occurred and conducted a walk-through of the crime scene with Compton OSS Investigators.

Deputy Leos' patrol vehicle had been inadvertently moved immediately after the shooting to allow for traffic flow by emergency vehicles (Refer to Supplemental Report; **Exhibit L**).

## REVIEW OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

A review of the radio transmissions revealed that a "Code-4" "UTL, GPA" for the original call for service (417), was broadcast to SCC at approximately 2112 hours by Compton Unit 287E. SCC repeated the Code-4 for all Compton units. Several seconds later Deputy Leos broadcasts a "998" Deputy Leos describes a suspect with a gun running westbound and he begins to coordinate units to contain the area (Refer to **CD# 2; File "Export\_Leo 998"**).

Moments later a supervisor (Compton Field Sergeant – "280S") states he is responding and a LASD Air Unit soon begins to assist with coordination of the field units to contain the area.

*For further details refer to the Radio Transmissions CD#2 included in this case book.*

**IAB Note:** Included in CD#2 are several files of radio transmissions after the incident of coordination efforts to contain the area. Also included is the original Compton Station 911 call regarding the man-with-a-gun call at [REDACTED] (Refer to **CD#2 File- "Export\_911 call"**).

## LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

This incident occurred during nighttime hours. Weather conditions were cool and dry.

## WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY LEOS

Service Weapon Type:	Smith and Wesson M&P, serial # DSU [REDACTED]
Rounds Fired:	2
Type of Ammunition Used:	WIN 9mm Luger
Date Employee Last Qualified:	[REDACTED]

**IAB NOTE:** An examination of Deputy Leos's firearm by Internal Affairs Bureau Investigator's indicated he had fired a total of 2 rounds. Further examination by the Department's Crime Lab determined all aspects of the weapon were functioning properly (See **Exhibit E**).

### WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECTS

A blue steel Sturm Ruger semi-automatic 9mm pistol was recovered at the scene. The pistol was found alongside a fence in an alley immediately north, and just west, of where the shooting occurred. It is also along the path of where the suspects ran from deputies and were discovered hiding when taken into custody.

A second weapon was discovered the following day at [REDACTED]. The homeowner was placing her trash cans to the curb and saw the gun in the bushes of her front yard. She notified Compton Sheriff Station personnel who dispatched deputies to recover the weapon. The weapon was a blue steel Smith & Wesson 38 caliber revolver. The Sheriff's Department Crime Lab took possession of both weapons for processing (See **Exhibits C and D**).

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

Investigators located and identified one parked vehicle that was apparently struck in the rear window area by one of the rounds fired by Deputy Leos. A search for the location of where the second round struck was conducted however investigators and crime scene personnel were unable to locate where it struck. The damage is listed in **Exhibit A, page 2**. No other persons were hit or injured by gunfire (Refer to CSI Photos on **CD# 1**).

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR / CHARGES FILED

Investigators: Detective [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]  
Detective Scott Lawler # [REDACTED]  
Compton Station OSS

Charges: Anthony L. Alexander: Count 1: 245(d)(1) PC  
Count 2: 29800 (a) PC

[REDACTED] (Juvenile): Count 3: 11370.1 H&S

Disposition: Alexander: Plea Deal for 32 Months

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Compton OSS Detective [REDACTED] was assigned the criminal investigation for the incident. His supplemental report is included with this case book (Refer to **Exhibit F**).

## INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENT

Involved Deputy **Andrew Leos** was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Jeffrey Smith and Catrina Khasaempanth on January 27, 2015, at 1335 hours, at the IAB Headquarters Office in Commerce. Deputy Leos was represented by Attorney Amanda Waters of the Law Firm of Green and Shinee. The interview was digitally audio recorded. The following is a summary of that interview.

Deputy Leos stated he started his shift at [REDACTED] hours on the day of the incident. He was working Unit 284B/P with a partner [REDACTED] Deputy Edward Lopez. They were on routine patrol when they heard the call for service regarding a "417" (Man with a gun) in a vehicle. The call described two male blacks in or near a gray BMW vehicle with handguns. He said they were near Compton Sheriff's Station, within a couple blocks from the call's location on Raymond Street when the call came out. Deputy Leos stated they were not assigned to the call for service but added themselves as an assisting unit to the original call for service (See Incident Details; **Exhibit G**).

Deputy Leos explained that he had specific knowledge regarding recent numerous shootings between rival gangs in this particular neighborhood and that the information in the call would likely be true and present a very dangerous situation. He said as he heard the coordination of units over the radio, he recognized a void in the area containment and drove to the area and positioned himself and Deputy Lopez on Acacia Avenue just north of Raymond Avenue, facing south in their patrol car. This location was just west of the original location in the call.

Deputy Leos stated a couple of minutes later he heard over the radio that the suspect vehicle was not in the area any longer and the situation was okay (Code 4). Deputy Leos said a moment later he saw the vehicle described in the call (Gray BMW) make a left turn in front of him from westbound Raymond Street to southbound Acacia Avenue. The headlights from his radio car illuminated the vehicle and Deputy Leos could see three occupants in the vehicle. He said they had a startled look on their faces as they turned onto Acacia Avenue.

Deputy Leos drove south on Acacia Avenue immediately behind the vehicle when it suddenly turned onto westbound Reeve Street. Deputy Leos stated he did not activate his red overhead lights, siren or spotlights. He said the vehicle made a right turn onto westbound Reeve Street and stopped in the middle of the street approximately 30-40 yards from the corner. Deputy Leos stopped his radio car about 2-3 car lengths behind the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Leos stated he saw the passenger side doors open up and he yelled at his partner to get out of the radio car. Deputy Leos said he believed they had been drawn into an ambush situation. He saw the right rear passenger exit the BMW with a black semi-automatic handgun in his right hand. Deputy Leos described seeing the suspect with the gun in his hand simultaneously.

The suspect began running west on Reeve Street towards the north sidewalk. Deputy Leos had immediately exited the radio car, gun in hand, and was near the south sidewalk area watching the suspects. The two suspects that exited the passenger side of the BMW began to run west on the north sidewalk of Reeve Street. The driver, after exiting the BMW and looking in the deputy's direction, got back into the BMW and drove off westbound on Reeve Street. The front passenger suspect (Subject [REDACTED]) had run down the street on the north sidewalk ahead of the rear passenger suspect (Suspect Alexander).

Deputy Leos said he saw the right rear passenger suspect (Suspect Alexander) turn back towards his partner, who had exited the passenger side of the radio car and was near the north curb line. Deputy Leos believed the suspect had acquired his partner's location and was about to shoot at him. Deputy Leos, fearing for Deputy Lopez' safety, fired two rounds from his duty weapon at the suspect in an attempt to stop the threat toward the suspect firing at Deputy Lopez. Deputy Leos said he had picked up the front sights of his duty weapon and was aiming at Suspect Alexander's upper torso. Deputy Leos stated that Suspect Alexander had not raised his weapon towards Deputy Lopez at the time he fired. Deputy Leos said he stopped firing at the suspect because the threat towards his partner had expired when the suspect continued running down the sidewalk after he (Leos) had fired the two rounds.

After he fired his weapon, Deputy Leos knew that he had missed striking the suspect and saw both suspects continue running west along the north sidewalk. He lost sight of them as there were several high profile vehicles parked along the north curb line of Reeve Street, blocking his view.

Deputy Leos immediately broadcast via his portable radio that he was involved in a "998" (deputy involved shooting). He further stated that he made contact with Deputy Lopez to ensure they were safe and uninjured after the shooting. Both deputies then made their way, westbound, down the south sidewalk, utilizing parked vehicles for cover as they attempted to locate where the suspects had gone. During this time, Deputy Leos said he was broadcasting location information over his portable radio in order to set up a containment of the area and apprehend the suspects.

**IAB Note:** During the course of the Internal Affairs Bureau interview, Deputy Leos marked a crime scene area drawing of where he believed the suspect vehicle had stopped and where he parked his radio car at the time of the shooting. The drawing and markings were used to clarify details as they were discussed in the interview (Refer to **Exhibit H**).

Deputy Leos added that during the entire incident, neither he, nor the suspect, said anything to each other.

Deputy Leos stated that shortly thereafter he and Deputy Lopez were taken to Compton Station. They were brought back within a couple hours on two separate instances to identify the suspects after they had been arrested (Field Identification).

***For full and complete details of the interview, refer to the transcripts which are included in this case book.***

## **EMPLOYEE WITNESSES**

### **Deputy Edward Lopez**

**Witness Deputy Edward Lopez** was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Jeffrey Smith and Catrina Khasaempanth on January 27, 2015, at 1450 hours, at the IAB Headquarters Office in Commerce. Deputy Lopez was represented by Attorney Amanda Waters of the Law Firm of Green and Shinee. The interview was digitally audio recorded. The following is a summary of that interview.

Deputy Lopez stated he started his shift at [REDACTED] hours on the day of the incident. He was working Unit 284B/P with his [REDACTED] partner, Deputy Andrew Leos. Deputy Lopez was the passenger in the patrol car. Deputy Lopez said they were on routine patrol when they heard the call for service regarding a "417" (Man with a gun) in a vehicle. The call described two male blacks in or near a gray BMW vehicle with handguns. Deputy Lopez stated they were not assigned to the call for service but added themselves as an assisting unit to the original call for service.

Deputy Lopez said they were stopped on Acacia Avenue just north of Raymond Street when they saw the gray BMW as described in the call for service, make a left turn in front of them. The BMW turned from westbound Raymond Street to southbound Acacia Avenue. Deputy Lopez noticed that the front passenger had a wide-eyed surprised look on his face. He said they followed the car as it turned again onto westbound Reeve Street and stopped approximately 20-30 yards beyond the intersection in the middle of the street. Deputy Lopez said they stopped their patrol car behind the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Lopez stated that he immediately exited the patrol car and saw the two passengers exit the BMW. He stated he did not see a gun in the suspect's hands. He further stated he had his duty weapon in his hand. He ordered them to "Stop" but they ignored his order and kept moving. He said he yelled this command because the suspects exited their car so rapidly and he felt they were about to be ambushed. He stated this is why he got out of the patrol car so quickly as well.

Deputy Lopez saw both suspects begin to run westbound on the north sidewalk of Reeve Street and then he heard two shots. He said he was unsure if the shots came from the suspects or his partner, Deputy Leos.

Deputy Lopez stated that he did not see a gun in the suspect's hands and did not perceive an immediate threat. He said this is why he did not fire his weapon. He did say that he noticed the two suspects look in his direction as they exited the BMW.

Deputy Lopez said that after the two shots he looked over and saw his partner, Deputy Leos, talking on his portable radio and could hear the broadcast of the "998." He said they met up near the south sidewalk and briefly asked each other if they were each okay. He stated they then moved cautiously west on Reeve Street but had lost sight of the suspects.

**IAB Note:** During the course of the Internal Affairs Bureau interview, Deputy Lopez marked a crime scene area drawing of where he believed the suspect vehicle had stopped and where the radio car stopped at the time of the shooting. The drawing and markings were used to clarify details as they were discussed in the interview (Refer to **Exhibit I**).

Deputy Lopez stated that shortly thereafter he and Deputy Leos were taken to Compton Station. They were brought back within a couple hours on two separate instances to identify the suspects after they had been arrested (Field identification).

***For full and complete details of the interview, refer to the transcripts which are included in this case book.***

## **NON-EMPLOYEE/CIVILIAN WITNESSES**

Compton Station personnel conducted a neighborhood canvass of the area in attempts to locate any witnesses to the shooting. Several people stated they heard the shots but nobody saw the shooting incident. Summaries of the witness interviews conducted by Compton deputies are included in supplemental reports prepared by deputies and are included in this case book. (Refer to **Exhibit's J, K, L, M**).

A vehicle with four (4) individuals in it was parked on Reeve Street just west of where the shooting occurred. These individuals were interviewed by Compton OSS detectives at Compton Station. None of them saw the shooting incident. These interviews are included on an audio CD and summarized in the supplemental report completed by Compton OSS Detective [REDACTED] (Refer to **CD#3** and **Exhibit F**).

## **SUSPECTS STATEMENTS**

### **Suspect Anthony Alexander**

Suspect Alexander was arrested approximately 40 minutes after the shooting at [REDACTED] which is [REDACTED] of Reeve Street and a few houses [REDACTED] of where the shooting took place. Suspect Alexander was positively identified by Deputies Leos and Lopez.

Suspect Alexander was taken to Compton Sheriff's Station and interviewed by OSS Detectives [REDACTED] and Lawler at 0231 hours. The interview was video and audio recorded. A copy of this interview on CD is included with this case (Refer to **CD#4**).

Suspect Alexander told detectives that he was looking for a ride to get back to his uncle's house on Bennett Street. He said he was talking to a guy in a car and said he did not want to walk because he knew the area was dangerous and that "They were shooting over there." He said he was sitting in the front passenger seat of the car. Suspect Alexander said he knew he had a warrant out of Lancaster for marijuana possession and that he did not want to go back to jail, which is why he ran.

At one point during the interview, Suspect Alexander said there were three or four people in the car and then changed his story and said there were three people, one of whom being Subject [REDACTED] although he did not know where [REDACTED] was sitting in the car. He said that when they turned the corner he heard others in the car say, "Oh shit, they going to kill us, they going to kill us." He added that they then said, "Stop, stop, they going to kill us, stop, stop they going to kill us." When the doors opened, he opened his door, jumped out and ran.

Suspect Alexander said he did not have a gun as he was running. He said he did not hear anyone yell stop. When he heard the gunshots he ran faster. He said he never knew it was deputies behind him or why his friends said someone wanted to kill them. He said he ran down the street the turned and ran in another direction. He saw a police car, jumped over a gate and sat down. He came out when he heard the helicopter announcements to come out of hiding. He added that he never looked back when he was running. He also denied having a gun on him.



***For full and complete details of the interview, refer to the transcripts which are included in this case book.***

**Subject** [REDACTED]

Subject [REDACTED] was taken to Compton Sheriff's Station and interviewed by OSS Detectives [REDACTED] and Lawler at 0300 hours. The interview was video and audio recorded. A copy of this interview on CD is included with this case (Refer to **CD#4**).

Subject [REDACTED] was located in the rear of [REDACTED] hiding in heavy brush alongside a fence. He was not wearing a shirt and had a superficial laceration to his chest.

**IAB Note:** A shirt was recovered on the top portion of a gate leading into the alley between Reeve Street and Raymond Street. The top of the gate had pointed spear-like barbs to deter climbers. This gate was along the path that the suspects took between the location of the shooting incident and where they were arrested (See **CD#1**).

**IAB Note:** Prior to being placed in a patrol car after his arrest, Subject [REDACTED] made a spontaneous statement to deputies and asked, "which one of ya'll was busting on me?" "Busting" is a common street term referring to the act of shooting.

During initial questioning by OSS Detectives, Subject [REDACTED] exercised his Miranda Rights and was not interviewed by OSS Detectives regarding the incident (Refer to **Exhibit F; Page 3**).

***For full and complete details of the interview, refer to the transcripts which are included in this case book.***

**Special IAB Note:**

During their detention in the backseat of a patrol car after the incident, Suspect Alexander and Subject [REDACTED] were audio recorded during a conversation they had together. They can be heard talking about both of them possessing guns and running with those guns from the vehicle when Deputies Leos and Lopez attempted to stop them. They are heard making references to "Burner" and throwing guns into a yard and into the alley within the containment. Subject [REDACTED] can also be heard talking about having narcotics in his pocket and throwing it away in the bushes while he was running (Refer to **CD#5**).

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The suspect vehicle located at [REDACTED] was towed by Compton Station personnel. (Refer to CHP-180 Report, **Exhibit O**.)

An attempt was made by Compton Station Detective [REDACTED] to contact the registered owner of the suspect vehicle but Detective [REDACTED] was unable to locate him (Refer to Supplemental Report; **Exhibit P**).

Suspects Alexander and [REDACTED] were taken into custody by deputies assisting with the call for service and in response to the shooting broadcast. Deputy R. Jimenez authored a supplemental report describing his actions during the arrest and transportation of the suspects (Refer to **Exhibit Q**).

Deputy [REDACTED] authored and completed a supplemental report describing his actions involving a call for service regarding a found gun at [REDACTED] on March 27, 2014 (Refer to **Exhibit R**).

Deputy Leos authored and completed a supplemental report describing his actions during the incident (Refer to **Exhibit S**).

Deputy Lopez authored and completed a supplemental report describing his actions during the incident (Refer to **Exhibit T**).

The Sheriff's Crime lab took photos of Deputy Leos after the incident and in the uniform he was wearing prior to him changing clothes. These photos are included in this case book (Refer to **CD#6**).